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Three county officials honored at conference

Three Sullivan County officials were recognized for their work by the New Hampshire Association of Counties at its annual conference in Manchester last week.

Don Clarke was named County Commissioner of the Year, Scott Hagar was named Department of Corrections Superintendent of the Year, and Lt. Douglass Roberts was named County Corrections Employee of the Year.

The nomination for Clarke, a six-year veteran of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners, commended him for educating the public, elected officials and "anyone who will listen to him" about the role of county government.

"In a state where county government is to some extent nonexistent in the public eye, Don has raised its perception to a higher plateau," the nomination stated.

Hagar's nomination recognized his managerial skills, which in three years have helped bump perfect attendance rates for his 29 staff members to 52 percent quarterly and 41 percent annually.

Roberts, who began his career in corrections in 1993 after serving in the first Gulf War, was noted for the success of an initiative designed to help inmates transition from incarceration, which he took over in 2003.

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